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"UNCLE SAM" MAY BOOST LOCAL OFFICE ONE DEGREE

If Receipts Continue to Hang Around \$600 Mark, Clayton will Enter Second Class Crowd.

Postmaster Mrs. Susie Pace reports that the Clayton office is flitting recklessly with the big ones in the second class rank. If the office averages \$600 per month for twelve months Uncle Sam admits it to the second class list.

Mrs. Pace says the receipts for the past nine months are above the \$600 margin and to date this month the clip is still rapid. With Clayton in the second class the office is entitled to a larger working force and eligible to enter the ranks of free city carrier delivery.

First National has Record Year

Officers and directors of the First National Bank got together this week for their perennial accounting of the year's business and to elect officers and directors for the ensuing year. They discovered at the meeting that the year just closed had been the most prosperous since the founding of the institution. Following are the men who will conduct its destinies for another year: H. J. Hammond, President; D. W. Priestley, Cashier; H. J. Hammond, Jr., Assistant Cashier; C. R. Kiser, Discount Teller; Directors, H. J. Hammond, H. J. Hammond, Jr., C. G. Hammond, Nestor C. de Baca, and Fulgencio C. de Baca.

Optical Shop in Mission Building

Dr. D. W. Haydon's optical parlor will occupy the office room of the theatre entrance of the Mission building. He has already installed part of his office furniture. When settled for business his patrons will find all the latest apparatus with which modern "eye-shops" are equipped. Dr. Haydon intends to make his establishment the most complete between Amarillo and Pueblo.

Lots Grew at Rate of \$150 Per

That owning property in Clayton is a lucrative proposition gained positive credence when the Melton lots were sold recently to L. A. Wikoff for \$3,200. These lots were purchased eighteen years ago for \$500, an increase of just \$150 a year. Mr. Wikoff will erect a modern building on these lots which will be the home of the Ford Motor Co.

You Can't Pay them Yet

Fulgencio C. de Baca has a sign on the counter in the Treasurer's office informing taxpayers that the 1915 tax rolls will not be complete until February 1st. Like most citizens people read them then ask the questions just the same. We make mention of it in hope that it will perhaps save folks useless trips to the court house and peradventure make it easier on the vocal chords of the Treasurer's office force.

Barnhart Buys Baker Building

J. Frank Barnhart has purchased the lot and building of Geo. W. Baker now occupied by Toombs and Harris law firm. This firm will remain in the building for the present as Mr. Barnhart says he has no definite plans regarding changes in the building.

Still they Come

Another car load of Fords arrived in Clayton Friday for the Wikoff garage. This makes a total of 63 Ford cars that this garage has received since September 15th.

Liberal Reward

For the return of cuff button link in shape of crown. Lost Thursday noon between City Drug Store and Stewart house. Return to Clayton News or City Drug Store. 3-11.

Eklund Saloon Closed

The Union county commissioners are legal representatives of the county in its dealings with the public, and necessarily enters into divers contracts with citizens in carrying on the county's business. They enter into contracts with liquor dealers, extending to the latter certain privileges and immunities in consideration of the dealers paying the county for the privilege and agreeing to conduct their places according to law requirements.

The Eklund Hotel Bar was ordered closed by the commissioners; the application for liquor license for 1916 canceled which had previously been approved, and a notation entered into the minutes of the commissioners to the effect that no liquor license will be granted Mr. Eklund or to the Eklund Hotel Ranch and Irrigation company for one year from the date of said order. This action was taken by the commissioners not in a retaliatory manner as is thought by some, perhaps, but because the court believed that charges were substantiated that the company had repeatedly violated the obligations of its contract with the county, as well as the statutes relative to posting copies of sections 2915 to 2921, inclusive, of the Laws of New Mexico, in its saloon, which sections relate to selling or giving tobacco or liquor to minors generally; because of the allegation that intoxicants have been served to minors outside the bar room and because minors have been permitted to loiter in the saloon. The company, according to transcript of criminal docket submitted to the commissioners by Joseph Gill, has heretofore entered pleas of guilty to charges of failure to keep the laws posted and to permitting minors to loiter in bar room, and to selling intoxicants to a minor. Section 2920 of the statutes provides that persons who are convicted or plead guilty to the above offenses shall, in addition to other penalties, forfeit their license and right to do business of the nature before mentioned within the county in which the offense was committed for the period of one year.

The Supreme Court of New Mexico has passed upon the question of the authority and duty of County Commissioners under circumstances similar to those under which the Eklund saloon was closed, fortunately, and held that the commissioners have no discretion under such circumstances and must act, and that they act in a ministerial capacity in closing up saloons when the owner has plead guilty or been convicted of violating the above mentioned laws.

Tuesday night Sheriff Crumley, acting by order of the commissioners court, closed and took charge of the Eklund saloon, locking and barring all doors. It is understood that the company has commenced proceedings looking to the re-opening of its place of business.

Pullman has Blaze

When one of the employees at the Pullman Cafe attempted to fill the gasoline tank of the coffee urn without turning out the business end of it a small blaze resulted that threatened not only the whole cafe but the whole of that very elegant building Wednesday. Little damage was done, but proprietor Jack Weichman decided fire would never again have a chance from that source and forthwith installed a hollow wire system. The ceiling was badly smoked but was renovated Thursday night.

Installing Elevator

A labor saving elevator is being installed in the H. Herzstein Seed Co's plant, S. O. Penick being in charge of its construction. The device operates from the pit to the top floor and according to Mr. Penick will save much work in handling in the process of cleaning grain and seed.

Business Men will Meet Corporation Commission

Annual election of officers and directors of the Business Men's Association was held at L. W. Kingdom's office Thursday night. Following are the officers and directors for 1916: Simon Herzstein, President; G. G. Granville, Vice President; C. O. Dunn, Secretary-Treasurer; G. G. Granville, Fulgencio C. de Baca, Robert Turpin, F. G. Akins, W. C. Barnhart, Directors.

Date Set to Eat

All the business men are invited to be present at the fortnightly luncheon at the Pullman cafe the first of which will be January 20th.

Among the important matters discussed was the meeting of the State Corporation Commission January 29th. It was the consensus of opinion that many things were needed for Clayton in which the Commission can lend assistance, among them a watchman at the C. & S. crossing, a new depot and parking and the adjustment of freight rates.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET FEBRUARY 4TH

Democratic Secretary Urges all the Members to be Present to Select State Chairman.

A call for a meeting of the Democratic State Central committee in Santa Fe on February 4th, to select a successor to Chairman J. H. Paxton, has been issued by T. J. Guilfoil, of Albuquerque, secretary of the committee. The call reads as follows:

"A meeting of the Democratic state central committee is hereby called to be held at Santa Fe, N. M., on Friday, February 4, 1916, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

"This meeting is called for the purpose of selecting a state chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. J. H. Paxton, and to consider any and all other matters properly presented at such meeting.

"It is of the highest importance that this meeting be thoroughly representative of the principle and strength of the party. All active and ex-officio members of the state central committee, executive committee chairmen and officers of county and city democratic organizations, and all other democrats interested in the welfare of the party, are strongly urged to attend."

Scenery will Arrive Next Week

The scenery and front drop for the Mission theatre is expected in Clayton next week. Clayton advertisers are evidently acquainted with this style of advertising when one considers that all of the spaces were sold in less than a day. The Kansas City Scenic company assures Mr. Herzstein that his advertisers will consider their money well spent when they see the curtain.

New Store Will Open

Another grocery and general store will open for business in the Gray-Easterwood building in the room formerly occupied by Weber & Sons which will be known as Clayton Cash Grocery with J. C. Caldwell as manager.

Judge Toombs Takes Partner

J. S. Harris, a well known attorney of Guymon, Okla., arrived in Clayton this week and opened a law office in partnership with O. T. Toombs.

News is news only while it is news, hence The News—all that the name implies.

Smith Suicide is Verdict

Suicide is the verdict returned as the cause of Sam Smith's death. No reason was given for the act. According to evidence found by officers Crumley, and Kingdom and physician Bristol Mr. Smith took a .25-.35 rifle, placed the muzzle beneath his chin, pulled the trigger and the soft-nosed bullet tore one side of his head completely off.

Mr. Smith was well-known, prosperous and a popular ranchman of the Cimarron and one of the real pioneers in Union county. Funeral services were held by the Folsom W. O. W. Monday afternoon.

Trio Chases Freight on a Gas Hurdle-Gurdy

Upon receiving a telegram from Iowa that his father was seriously ill and not expected to live, Ray Holmes, night operator for the C. & S., took the gasoline "three-wheeler" to overtake a freight which had just left for Texline. Sam Farber and Gus Thompson acted as "shovers" on the car and were "sittin' on the job"—down grade. They overtook the freight at that point but there the three-wheeler chugged its last chug and refused to climb the hill. The boys were marooned until a freight came along Thursday morning. Agent Farber had the time of his life running the C. & S. station during their vacation.

Garage Employee has Crippled Hand

Eugene Clinkenbeard, an employee at the Wikoff garage met with a painful accident Thursday when the running board of a car that was in for repairs caught Clinkenbeard's hand between his knee and tin covering on the board. The car had been hoisted on its side and when returning to its natural position the weight evidently proved too much for the workmen and Clinkenbeard was the unlucky member. Two fingers on his left hand were nearly severed.

Mrs. Oler Injured When Car Hits Bump

Mrs. James Oler sustained a painful bruise across the face as a result of the Mitchell in which she and Mr. Oler and A. G. Woodring were returning from a trip to Raton, striking a bump about ten miles out of Raton. According to Mr. Woodring the car was drifting along about 40 miles per hour and the driver failed to see the bump. The rebound of the springs threw Mrs. Oler high enough that one of the ribs in the top struck her face. She received medical attention at Des Moines.

Former Clayton Druggist Dead

M. M. White, about 48 years of age, a well-known and popular druggist, formerly of Clayton but for the past 15 years a resident of north Union county died at Folsom Monday night. Funeral services were held in Folsom Wednesday night and the body sent to Kokomo, Ind., for interment.

Mr. White was a Mason and an Elk. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

Johnson has Game Foot

G. C. (Dewey) Johnson has a crushed foot from the bottom of a barber chair dropping on it which he was helping to hoist upon a wagon. The accident was a painful one on account of the main weight landing squarely on the instep of his foot. Dewey manages to make the rounds with the use of a cane.

Woodring Answers Hury Call to Texas

A. G. Woodring received a telegram Friday morning to the effect that his uncle P. M. Woodring of Hansford, Texas, was the victim of an auto accident. Mr. Woodring left immediately in a car to make the 140 mile trip.

For Sale Cheap, a child's bed. Call or phone The News.

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Teachers and Parents Should Get Acquainted, Says Superintendent Thompson.

All parents and patrons are very cordially invited to visit the school exhibit Friday afternoon, January 21st, when the handicraft of Clayton's school population will be displayed.

"Parents are invited on this particular day," said Superintendent J. W. Thompson, "to give the parents a chance to compare notes and observe the work being done by the pupils. Parents are always welcome visitors. Visits are inspirations to the pupil and on this day teachers and parents can become better acquainted. If teachers and parents understand each other there is co-operation, hence better results from the pupil and teachers are like parents, they want the student to succeed."

School Notes

We have an invitation to join the State Athletic Association but the distance is so great to the meeting place that we must decline. We will have a meet of our own in April or May. We have some good runners high jumpers and discus throwers.

The history class is just finishing Greece, the geometry class is finishing the fifth book and a new geometry class will be started soon. In the eighth grade, the class will quit agriculture and review geography.

Since the new year the attendance has greatly increased, and now the enrollment exceeds the school census.

The high school attendance would be almost perfect were it not for some sickness. The attendance in the grades has been excellent. The tardy cases as well as absences are made by a few pupils who are kept unnecessarily for the most part at home by their parents.

J. W. Thompson,
Superintendent.

Ike Crow Dead

Ike Crow, 55, a well-known ranchman of the Cimarron Country, died in Clayton Friday from complications of rheumatism and paralysis. Mr. Crow was a bachelor and considered well-to-do. A brother, J. M. Crow, came in from Cimarron, N. M., to take charge of the body. Rev. J. Q. Herrin conducted the services from the Baptist church. Interment in Clayton cemetery Saturday morning.

Paddock Admitted to the Bar

D. A. Paddock returned from Santa Fe Thursday where he took the state examination for admittance to the bar. He passed the examination successfully. This, doubtless, will prove a valuable asset in Mr. Paddock's abstract business in which the services of an attorney are ever in demand.

Got \$3,300 in Three Hours

Col. J. A. Sowers was a business visitor in Clayton Saturday. Col. Sowers conducted the John Lay sale Friday and reports it well attended, the stuff selling well. He talked the crowd into buying the entire lot of stuff, for \$3,300 in just three hours.

Barber Shop Fixtures Sold

Roy Hardgrave of Texline, purchased the Mansker & Johnson barber shop fixtures and moved them to Texline Tuesday. Mr. Hardgrave has opened a first class shop in that city.

Addition to Hardware Force

Kit Clark, a hardware salesman of Dalhart, has taken a position with Robt. W. Isaacs hardware. Mr. Clark intends to move his family to Clayton in the near future.